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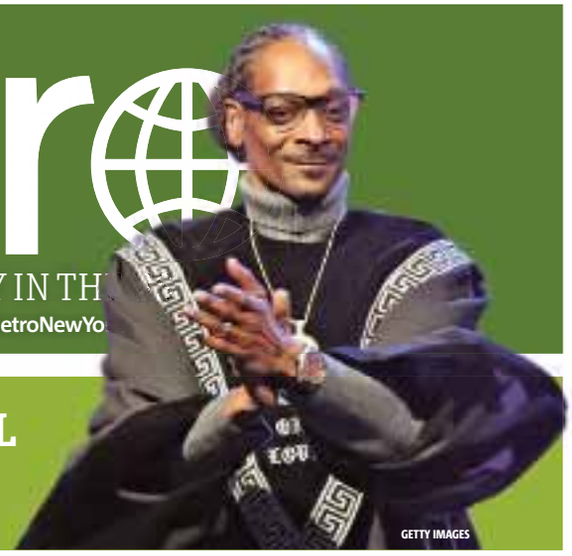
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I am a proud NYC history nerd. Living here has been a dream of mine since I first visited as a wide-eyed 10-year-old in 1987, and my family will tell you that I can be counted on to fire off some random city fact very, very often. Since there's always something new to discover here (or about here), it's impossible for me to know everything, so I looked to John Keatts, a Circle Line guide for the past 30 years, to learn what city secrets I was missing — and boy did that fount of knowledge tell me a lot. I share my seven favorites on page 4 and at **metro.us**, so go get your nerd on, too!

PROTESTS PLANNED IF TRUMP REMOVES MUELLER

1 U.S. progressive groups are gearing up for nationwide protests if President Donald Trump fires the special counsel investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. election, or replaces the Justice Department official overseeing the probe. An ouster of Special Counsel Robert Mueller would signal that Trump was acting as if he was above the law, said MoveOn.org, which is planning 800 demonstrations across the country. Every state will have at least one "Nobody Is Above The Law" rally and at least 320,000 people have pledged to attend so far, according to MoveOn's website. Trump would also trigger protests if he fired Deputy U.S. Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who is responsible for overseeing the Russia probe, or if he pardoned associates targeted in the investigation, such as former Trump campaign director Paul Manafort, MoveOn said. Trump has been critical of the Mueller investigation, calling it a "witch hunt." He threatened to fire Mueller after the FBI raided his personal lawyer's offices on Monday, based partly on a referral by the special counsel. House Speaker Paul Ryan said on Wednesday he had been assured Trump did not intend to fire Mueller.

WH: PRESIDENT DOES NOT HAVE A SYRIA TIMETABLE

2 The White House said on Wednesday that President Donald Trump has not laid out a timetable for action in response to a suspected chemical attack in Syria, despite his note on Twitter that missiles "will be coming" and Russia should "get ready." White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said Trump had a number of options, not just military, that all options were still on the table and he was assessing how to respond. She said Trump held Russia and Syria responsible for the chemical attack and denied that his Twitter comments had created any problem. Trump warned Russia on Wednesday of imminent military action in Syria over a suspected poison gas attack, lambasting Moscow for standing by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The White House pushed back against suggestions that Trump had broadcast his plans for military strikes via Twitter, saying that all options were still on the table and he was assessing how to respond. Trump's tweet was a reaction to a warning from Russia that any U.S. missiles fired at Syria over the deadly assault on the rebel enclave of Douma would be shot down and the launch sites targeted.

ALGERIA MILITARY AIRPLANE CRASH

3 Rescuers are seen around the wreckage of an Algerian army plane which crashed near the Boufarik airbase from where the plane had taken off on Wednesday. The Algerian military plane crashed and caught fire, killing 257 people, mostly army personnel and members of their families, officials said.

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MIDTERMS WORRY GOP AS RYAN PLANS TO RETIRE

4 House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan will not seek re-election and will leave his post at the start of 2019, dealing a blow to fellow Republicans and President Donald Trump ahead of fast-approaching congressional elections. By triggering a House leadership struggle when the party should focus on defending its congressional majorities and advancing Trump's agenda, Ryan dismayed some Republicans already concerned about their prospects with voters in November. "It's going to set off an intramural war among Republicans on who is going to be the next speaker. It will take the eye off the ball of keeping a majority in the House," said one Republican veteran who asked not to be identified. Trump's 2018 agenda, including construction of a U.S.-Mexico border wall and an infrastructure proposal, has gained little traction. Ryan's departure will not likely improve the outlook, said John Feehery, a Republican lobbyist who worked as spokesman for former House Speaker Dennis Hastert. Asked how much Trump and his conduct influenced his decision not to seek re-election for his seat representing a district in southeastern Wisconsin, Ryan told reporters: "Not at all."

TEEN VOTE DRIVE TARGETS GUN-FRIENDLY POLITICIANS

5 Gun control advocates are planning to send birthday packages to newly turned 18-year-olds in 10 states where they believe pro-gun lawmakers are vulnerable. Inside each: a voter registration form. The effort is part of a teen voter sign-up campaign aimed at electing a gun control-friendly Congress in November by seizing the momentum of a movement driven by young people shaken by gun violence, organizers told Reuters. "I think young people are going to make a huge difference in this election, and the new energy we're seeing is going to tip the scales in a number of races," said Isabelle James, political director for Giffords, which advocates for more restrictive gun laws. The campaign, "Our Lives, Our Votes," combines the efforts of Giffords and two other groups following last month's massive rallies inspired by the deadly February school shooting in Parkland, Florida. Organizers said they hoped to register at least 50,000 18- and 19-year-olds in 10 battleground states. Although the voter registration campaign is non-partisan, "the sad political reality is that we do need a Democratic majority [in Congress] because we need leadership that's willing to work with us," James said.

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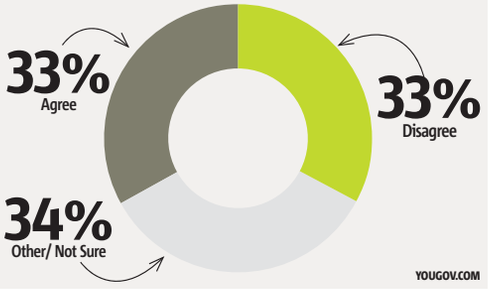
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH RUSSIA

In a tweet, President Trump said, "Our relationship with Russia is worse now than it has ever been, and that includes the Cold War." Do you agree or disagree with this statement?



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Seven things most New Yorkers probably don't know about NYC

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From the East River not being a river at all to a geological claim to fame found on Staten Island, here are tidbits you may not know about your city.

Even with its flaws, New Yorkers already know that New York City is the greatest city in the world, but did you know that the East River isn't a river at all or the highest natural point on the East Coast from Florida to Cape Cod can be found on Staten Island?

John Keatts, who has been a Circle Line Sightseeing Cruise guide for the past 30 years, is chockablock of tidbits like these, and he shared a few of his favorites with Metro.

BUTTERMILK CHANNEL

Between Brooklyn and Governors Island is a small tidal strait known as Buttermilk Channel.
Dairy farmers used to cross it to sell their milk in Manhattan or bring their cattle to graze on what was known as Nutten Island.

"On stormy days, with boats bouncing in the water, Dutch farmers said they would get buttermilk from the cows that night," Keatts said.

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THE EAST ... OCEAN!?

Despite its name, the East River is not really a river at all — it is a saltwater tidal estuary.
"The lower part of Manhattan is 11 miles from open ocean, and the East River is part of the ocean system," Keatts said. "It never freezes over, and there's never chunks of ice floating like on the Hudson."

AIR SALE

With so much development in New York City, you may have heard the term "air rights," and yes, that means you can literally sell the air above your building to someone else.
Trump famously bought neighboring Tiffany's air rights for $5 million to build Trump Tower.

"Let us assume that a big building on your block has been authorized to build to 100 floors and you are authorized to build 30 floors, but only plan 20," Keatts said. "You can then sell the 10 floors you are not building to someone else, such as to that 100-floor building, who can now go to 110 floors."

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ICE AGE DEVELOPER

Thanks to the Ice Age, Staten Island is home to the highest point of land on the East Coast from Florida to Cape Cod.
"Any lightweight rock was ground up by the power of one mile of ice above Manhattan Island — all debris ground up by the power of the ice, which would be primarily lightweight rock, was pushed ahead and forms what is now Todt Hill of Staten Island," Keatts said.

ONLY ONE PRESIDENT'S REMAINS

While just two of the nation's 45 presidents — Theodore Roosevelt and Donald Trump — were born in New York City.
The remains of just one, well, remain: Ulysses S. Grant, whose tomb can be found on Riverside Drive in Harlem.

Grant was pretty penniless in his later years, so he and his wife moved to the city so he could pen his memoirs at the behest of close friend Mark Twain.

"The only reason they didn't leave is because he died before the book was published," Keatts said. To raise money for his widow, Julia, Twain's book tour for "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" instead promoted Grant's memoir, which became such a huge success it started the trend of memoirs by former presidents.

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RECTANGULAR REASONING

Ever wonder why so many Manhattan streets and avenues form rectangles?
"In order to get light down to the streets at midday, too many tall buildings would create shadow, so Manhattan has height and weight restrictions for buildings. The number of skyscrapers on any block is limited and set far enough apart on a rectangle that light can reach the street," Keats explained.

THE MARITIME DISASTER CONNECTION

The Chelsea Piers sports and entertainment complex has a tragic maritime past, starting in 1912 with the sinking of the RMS Titanic, whose maiden voyage was bound for Pier 59 when she sank in the North Atlantic Ocean after hitting an iceberg. More than 1,500 passengers were killed.
"If you come down the West Side Highway, along the waterfront near Chelsea Piers, there is an old, rusty sign that says Cunard White Star where she was due, and that's all that remains of the docking that Titanic never got to," Keatts said.

In 1918, the RMS Lusitania left Pier 54 next door and was torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland, killing nearly 1,200 people. The sinking was among the factors that led to America's involvement in World War I.

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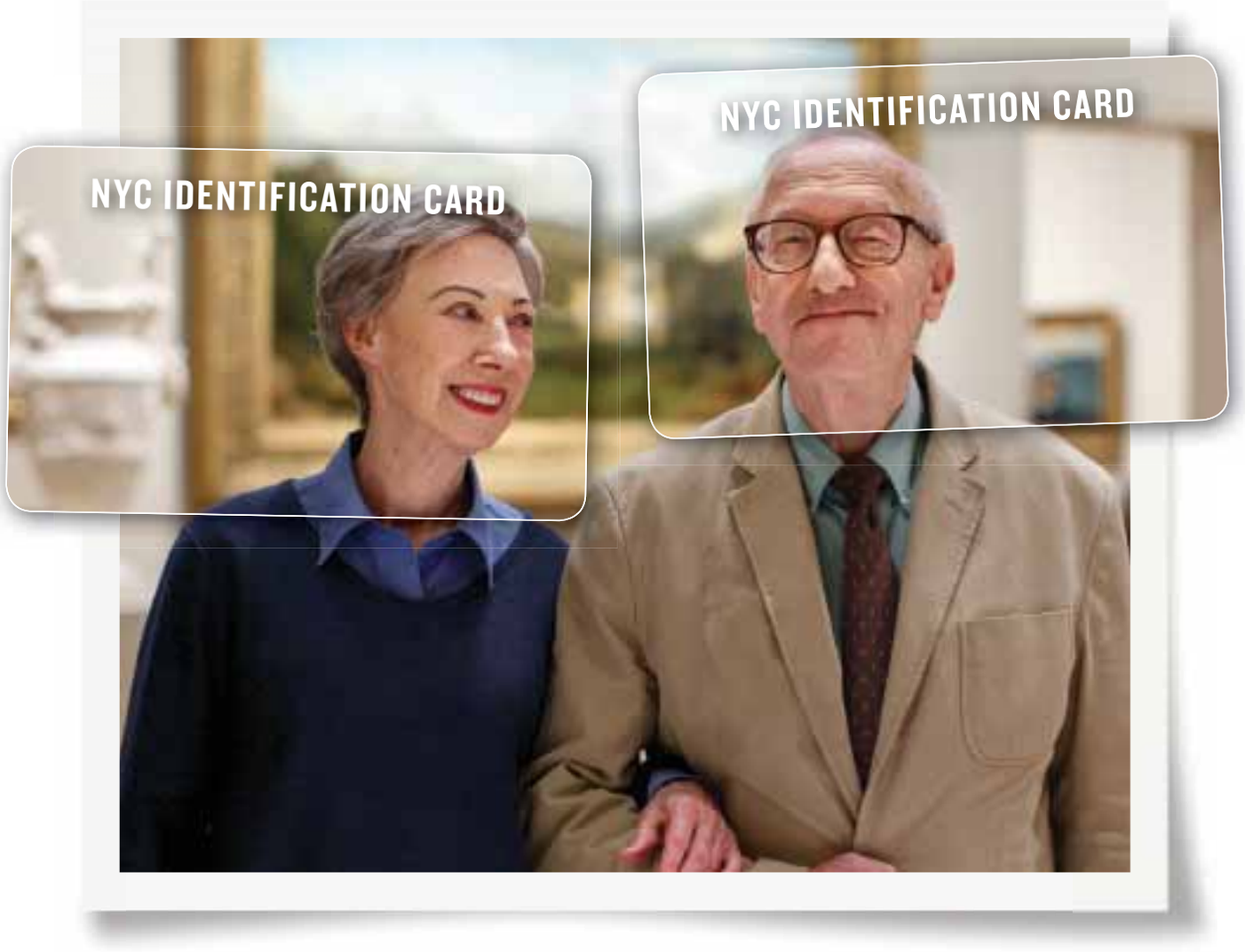

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NY waitresses reject Hollywood actresses' plea to end tip credits

Servers are fighting back after high-profile stars convinced Gov. Cuomo to consider ending minimum wage tip credits in New York.

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Last month, 16 Hollywood actresses — including Sarah Jessica Parker, Jane Fonda and Natalie Portman — penned a letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo urging him to support a higher wage for workers who rely on tips in New York.

"Women deserve to earn a fair base wage so that the tips they still collect don't come at a personal cost," the actresses wrote.

The plea fell on compassionate ears, as Gov. Cuomo will hold public hearings through the end of June to address the possibility of ending minimum wage tip credits in New York.

> **"I feel like the celebrities didn't do it with malintention."**
> Maggie Raczynski

In New York, the tip credit ensures tipped workers make the full minimum wage. Tipped workers, by law, earn a $7.50 hourly minimum wage, plus tips. If they don't earn enough money in tips to equal the state's $9 minimum wage, employers must pay the difference. What the stars may not have realized is that most servers oppose a policy change, according to the Restaurant Workers of America.

Responding to the actresses' letter, and in an attempt to save the tip credit, hundreds of mostly female restaurant workers signed their own letter. "We're servers and bartenders by choice, just like you chose to be actresses. The industry gives us flexibility, and the current tipping system gives us opportunity to earn great money with less than full-time hours," the letter read.

Tipped workers and restaurant owners alike argue that if the tip credit were eliminated, dire consequences would result, including fewer jobs and lower pay.

"I feel like the celebrities didn't do it with malintention," said Maggie Raczynski, a mother of three who works as a bartender at Outback Steakhouse in Clifton Park, New York. "But because they don't really know how it works and what's really going on, they were uninformed of the actual consequences of eliminating the tip credit.

"The tip credit is an economic tool. It was put in place to give restaurant owners a bit of a break when it came to labor costs, which helps them turn a profit," said Kevin Dugan, government affairs director for the New York State Restaurant Association.

"Getting rid of the tip credit could be crippling to the restaurant industry," he added, warning that getting rid of the tip credit would result in shuddered businesses and less income for workers.

THE TIP CREDIT BY THE NUMBERS:

Tipped Minimum Wage: **$7.50**

NY State Minimum Wage: **$9.00**

Tip Credit: **$2.50** (paid by employers if workers don't earn enough tips)

NY Mean Hourly Wage, Bartender: **$15.15**

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Lyft bringing 100 wheelchair-accessible vehicles to city by year's end

"Lyft is committed to providing rides to those who need them most," said Vipul Patel, general manager of Lyft New York City.

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Traversing the city via mass transit is often a daunting task for the nearly one million New Yorkers who rely on wheelchairs and other mobility devices because of a disability. But by yearend, Lyft may be a new alternative as the company will bring a fleet of wheelchair-accessible vehicles to New York City.

"Lyft is committed to providing rides to those who need them most," Vipul Patel, general manager of Lyft New York City, told Metro. "Today we're proudly committing to add 100 wheelchair accessible vehicles to the Lyft platform in New York City by the end of the year."

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Patel said the addition of the accessible vehicles has been in the works for months and the fleet will be a variety of minivan models.

"Our focus is on reliability and the comfort and experience of passengers," he said, adding that "passenger pricing will be the same as Lyft's standard ride." The wheelchair-accessible vehicles will be available in all five boroughs, Patel said.

Lyft's announcement comes the day after disability advocates filed an amicus brief opposing a lawsuit filed last month by a coalition from the city's for-hire vehicle industry to overturn the Taxi and Limousine Commission's amendments to Rule 59.

Rule 59 requires the FHV industry retrofit or purchase new vehicles to make 25 percent of FHVs wheelchair accessible by 2022. Additionally, 5 percent of FHV fleets must be compliant by July 1 or owners and operators will face fines and license suspensions.

"This is a positive and encouraging step toward improving transportation accessibility for New Yorkers with disabilities. However, having more vehicles isn't the whole story," said Ruth Lowenkron, director of the disability justice program at New York Lawyers for the Public Interest. "It's essential that Lyft and all the other for-hire vehicle companies follow the law and provide equivalent service in every regard; most critically, this means dispatching accessible cars as fast as they do inaccessible cars."

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New York AG holding gun buyback in White Plains

Eric Schneiderman's office will accept working and nonworking unloaded weapons in exchange for compensation — no questions asked.

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New York state Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman is holding a gun buyback in White Plains. On-site compensation, in the form of pre-paid debit cards, range from $25 to $150. FLICKR/ERICTSCHNEIDERMAN

In his continued efforts to keep New Yorkers safe from gun violence, state Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman on Wednesday announced his office will hold a gun buyback in White Plains on Friday.

The gun buyback will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mount Hope AME Zion Church at 65 Lake St.

"The Attorney General's Office will be accepting, with no questions asked, working and non-working unloaded weapons in exchange for compensation on site," Schneiderman's office said in a statement.

Participants will receive a prepaid debit card after each unloaded gun is received by law enforcement officers. Licensed gun dealers and active or retired law enforcement officers are not eligible for the gun buyback, Schneiderman's office said.

On-site compensation is $25 for non-working or antique firearms, $75 for rifles and shotguns, $100 for handguns and $150 for assault weapons.

Guns must be transported to the Mount Hope AME Zion Church "unloaded, in the trunk of the vehicle, in a plastic or paper bag or box," the AG's office said.

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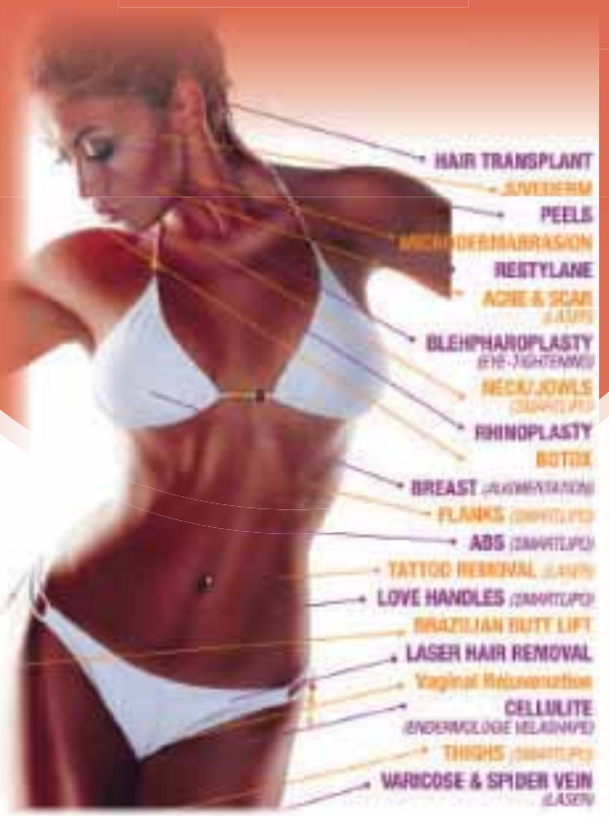

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Police identify woman whose body parts were found in Brooklyn park

The remains of Brandy Odom, 26, were discovered in Canarsie Park, less than a mile from her home. She was reported missing several months ago.

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Police have identified the remains discovered in a Brooklyn park earlier this week as belonging to a woman who has been missing from the borough for several months.

Brandy Odom's head and torso were discovered Monday by a woman walking her dog in Canarsie Park, which is less than a mile from Odom's home on East 102nd Street, officials said according to the New York Post.

The 26-year-old's naked remains were located face down in a wooded area covered by leaves and branches along the park's bike path. A tattoo of the word "chocolate" on the torso's left breast helped Odom's family identify her remains, police sources told PIX 11.

A bag of limbs authorities believe to be Odom's were discovered Tuesday about half a mile from where the torso was found.

It is still unclear how Odom died, how her remains ended up in Canarsie Park and how long they had been there, but a community activist told NBC4 that her remains "couldn't have been there long" as "it's a very active park."

A medical examiner will determine Odom's cause of death.

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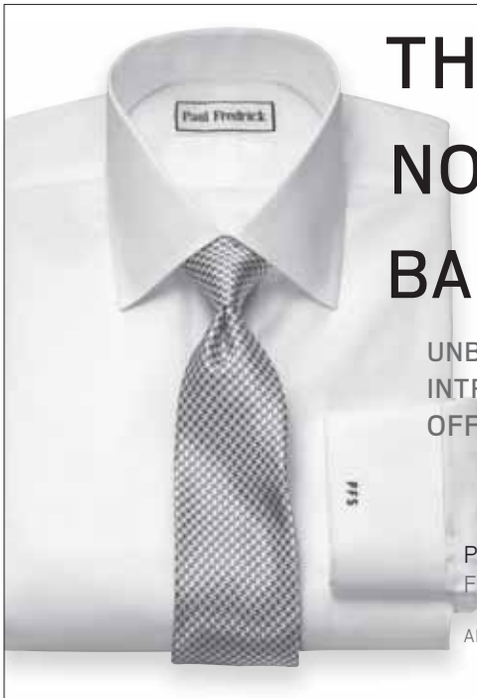

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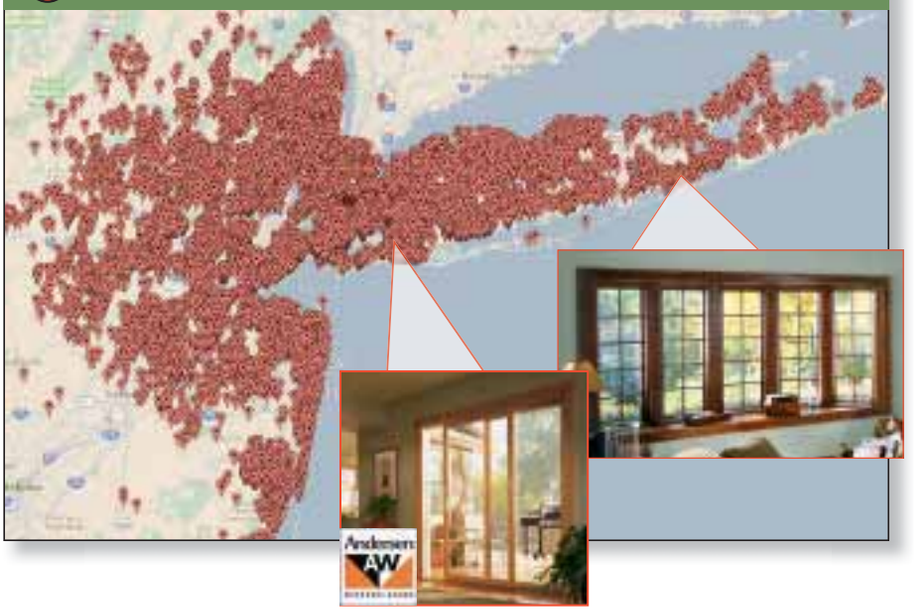

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New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment" noted one of the doc's at ***NYC Pain MD*** in New York City. "*The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at* ***NYC Pain MD*** *because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments many clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to trying to avoid or at the very least delay knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possible".*

What is the "correct treatment?"

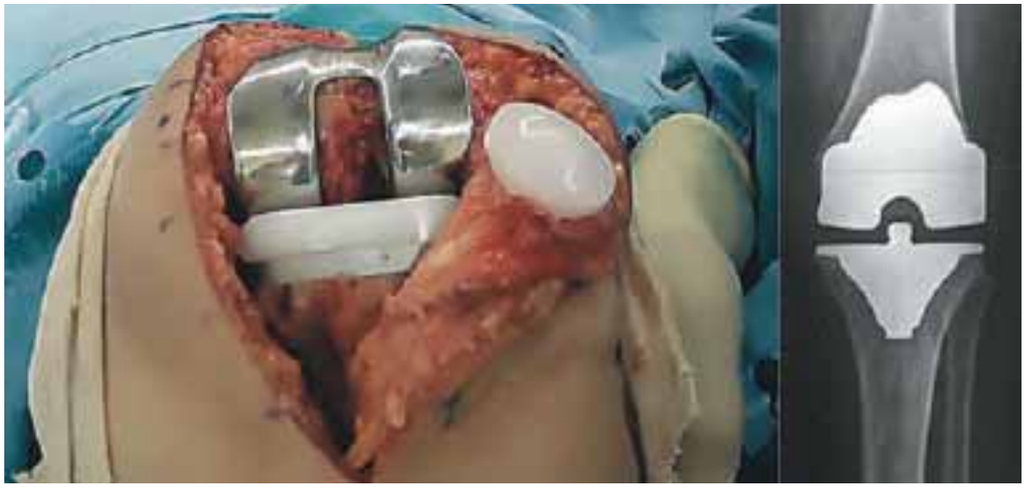
"That depends," noted the doc. *"There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day,"* he added.

For many knee arthritis pain sufferers the right treatment is Viscosupplementation whereby an FDA-approved preparation of Hyaluronic acid - a gel-like medicine is - applied ultra-precisely and virtually painlessly into the knee joint using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology.*

Hyaluronic acid is the natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosusupplementation gets the best results and is so important when trying to avoid surgery.

The director of treatment believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at ***NYC Pain MD*** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targeting* during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to.go. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.) can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Presision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.

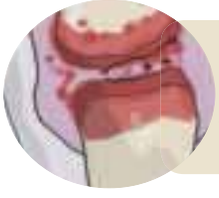


Can This Be Avoided? Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife

Normal Pain-Free Knee Joint

Everyone Wants Proof:

In the artist simulated drawings, picture #1 is a normal, pain-free knee. There is no arthritis and the knee can move and bend freely without pain.



Knee With Painful Arthritis

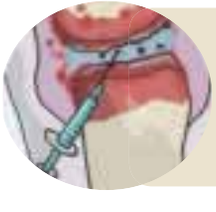
Pain -

Illustration shown is a knee joint with painful xosteo-arthritis. Arthritis causes the joint space to decrease, grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs, swelling and a lot of pain.

Research Shows Doctors Miss The Joint Space Up To 30% Of The Time Without Advanced Imaging

Failed Treatment -

The injection (Lubrication medicine) misses the joint space. Research shows this occurs up to 30% of the time without the use of the digital imaging to guide the injection. This is why lubrication medicine may not have worked for you



Lubrication Medicine Injected Directly Into Knee Join Like "Joint Oil" using Precision Targeting Technology

Successful Treatment -

Successful Treatment - Lubrication Medicine (blue) being precisely injected directly into the knee joint using digital imaging. Advance imaging allows treatments to be as precise as possible. Lubrication medicine can lubricate the joint and decrease pain.

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If you qualify for this treatment, it might be one of the happiest days of your life.

That's because thousands of knee pain sufferers have flocked to the ***NYC Pain MD*** New York City for their brand of treatment.

Viscosupplementation is unique because - even-though it is manufactured by a pharmaceutical company, it is NOT considered a drug because it is a natural substance with an incredible story.

Why So Many Want It

You see, when you suffer with arthritis - the lubricating fluid (synovial fluid techncially) in your knee joint dries up.

This means instead of gliding smoothly - your bones start to rub and grind against each other.

This causes a little pain in the beginning - but over time the pain steadily gets worse until it can be excruciating.

Like "Joint Oil"

Viscosupplementation works so well because it is like 'joint oil." It is a natural substance that contains one of the natural building blocks of the synovial fluid that lubricates your knee.

Scientists and researchers discovered this natural building block to synovial fluid in the rooster's comb - that big red thing on top of the roosters head. It is extracted from the roosters comb, purified and concentrated. They have also developed medical lubricants that are also natural but made a bit like yogurt and "cultured" into highly effective arthritis pain-fighting medical lubricants.

But...when introduced directly into your knee joint, it is like squirting oil on a rusty door hinge.

Viscosupplementation allows your joints to glide more smoothly eliminating a lot of the rubbing, grinding and pain.

Can Supplements Do The Same Thing?

No. Glucosamine and chondroitin and other supplements are much different. You can only get viscosupplementation from a doctor and it often helps knee pain sufferers who got limited or no success from glucosamine and chondroitin. Beware of unsubstantiated claims made by supplements to do what this advanced medical procedure does.

Why You Should Try This Even If You've Already Had Similar Treatments Without Results...

"We have been able to help so many knee pain sufferers even many who have already tried other treatments like Synvisc, Supartz, Orthovisc and even Hyalgan. This is because our treating doctors always use ***"Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology".*** *This allows us to place he Viscosupplementation exactly where is needs to be. Studies show doctors doing joint injections without Technology can miss the joint up to 30% of the time.".*

Advanced Medical Technology Can Make All The Difference: This advanced Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology using fluorososcopic imaging allows doctors to see directly into the knee joint so treatments are precise and the FDA approved lubricating medicine actually goes EXACTLY where it is supposed to. Studies show that procedures done without this technology can miss the joint up to 30% of the time. This is one reason Viscosupplementation may not have worked for you in the past. *NY Pain MD* used this P.A.T. Imaging Technology with each and every treatment.

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How To Find Out If It Can Help You?

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For National Pet Day, a new study reveals US dog-walking habits

Rover's first "Dog People Walking Report" found that 63 percent of pet owners see walks as a reflection of their love — but 57 percent skip walks!

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While most pet owners commemorate every day in countless ways, Wednesday was National Pet Day, an internationally celebrated holiday that both raises awareness for shelter animals still looking for their fur-ever home and celebrates the happiness our four-legged friends bring to our lives.

For instance, did you know that 93 percent of dog owners believe that one of the best ways to de-stress is to take their dog for a walk? While we're not sure if that includes every rainy or snowy day, that's just one of the statistics Rover.com found in its first "Dog People Walking Report," which dived into the dog-walking habits of 1,500 U.S. pet owners.

Rover's research discovered that 63 percent of pet parents see walks as a reflection of how much they love their dog, yet 57 percent actually *skip* walks each week. "As dogs become part of the family, pet parents spend more time and resources tending to their needs and feeling guilty when they don't," said Brandie Gonzales, Rover's pet-lifestyle expert. "Dog owners want ways to balance their busy lives with providing love and care for their dog. Pet parents know walks and exercise are important for their dog's health and happiness. As a result, we've seen growing demand for technologies that enhance pet health, like activity trackers and services like Rover that make it possible to find reliable dog walkers."

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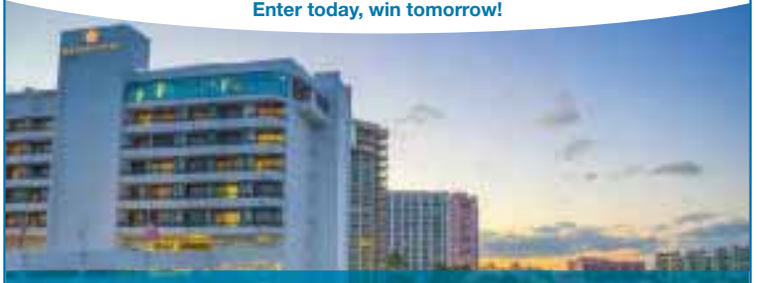

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According to Rover's first "Dog People Walking Report," one in four parents say their dog knows exactly what they mean as soon as they say, "Want to go ..." ISTOCK

Let's take a walk through the findings of Rover's "Dog People Walking Report."

- 94 percent consider their dog a member of the family
- 1 in 5 parents have hired a dog walker after feeling bad about skipping walks
- 70 percent said walks make their dog happier, while 46 percent said they made them more energetic and 41 percent said their dog was calmer
- 70 percent think their dog should be walked at least twice a day, while 38 percent walk their dog once or less per day
- The top reasons for missing walks include cold weather (57 percent), tired/lazy (33 percent), busy day at work (30 percent) and family responsibilities (25 percent)
- Monday is the top day parents skip dog walks
- 42 percent said their dog is sad when they miss a walk
- To make up for missed walks, 52 percent offer extra-long walks, 45 percent give treats, 42 percent cuddle and 14 percent give toys
- 56 percent of pet parents say hello to their dog first when they come home
- 1 in 4 parents say their dog knows exactly what they mean as soon as they say, "Want to go ..."
- 74 percent of parents say complimenting their dog is better than chocolate/candy, while 66 said it's better than staying in bed all day and 61 percent find it better than pizza

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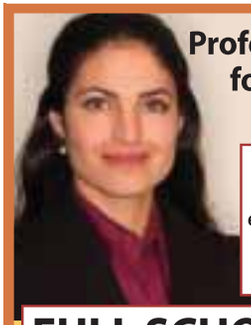

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Facebook CEO unscathed by lawmakers' grilling

Mark Zuckerberg made no promises to support new legislation or change how the social network does business.

On Wednesday, Mark Zuckerberg admitted that Facebook does "collect data on people who are not signed up for Facebook for security purposes." GETTY IMAGES

Facebook Inc. Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg fielded 10 hours of questions over two days from nearly 100 lawmakers and emerged largely unscathed.

He parried questions of how much control people have over their data on the world's largest social media network without a major gaffe, while avoiding being cornered into supporting new government regulation.

The hearings that ended on Wednesday revealed no consensus among U.S. lawmakers about what kind of privacy legislation they might want to pursue, if any, and no timeline for action. As he did on Tuesday before a Senate hearing, Zuckerberg refused during a House of Representatives committee hearing to make any promises to support new legislation or change how the social network does business.

"It is inevitable that there will need to be some regulation" of internet firms, Zuckerberg said, avoiding any specifics.

Although Zuckerberg, 33, had never testified at a congressional hearing before, he succeeded in deflecting questions like a Washington veteran. Forty times he told lawmakers he had no answers at hand and would get back to them later.

Democratic Rep. Debbie Dingell expressed frustration with Zuckerberg's frequent promises to get back to lawmakers later in writing. "Some things are striking during this conversation," she said. "As CEO, you didn't know some key facts." REUTERS

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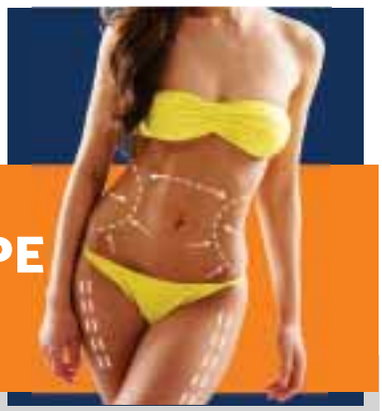

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Alliance for Positive Change encourages healing with poetry

"It's allowed me to have a conversation with my past instead of an argument," said Azeem Khan, poetry leader for the Alliance.

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For 10 years, Azeem Khan went to therapy as a recovery effort for childhood trauma he suffered, but it wasn't until he sought help from the Alliance for Positive Change in 2013 and discovered poetry writing that he finally began to heal.

"I used to write sentences that never turned into anything, and when I came to the Alliance, I saw creative writing as one of its monthly activities. I went into the room that first day, and my life changed forever," Khan said. "Sentences I used to write in the past became my healing — the thing that made me feel the light, so to speak."

Fast-forward five years, and Khan is now poetry leader of the Alliance's Creative Writing Workshop, whose participants will host their annual poetry reading Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Union Square Barnes & Noble to celebrate National Poetry Month and the release of the 20th edition of the Alliance's literary magazine, Situations.

Workshop members, who Khan calls "lotus flowers," will unveil their personal stories of transformation at the reading and in Situations.

"In my culture, lotus flowers are very important flowers, and they start at the bottom of the sea in all the mud and muck, and they push their way through and blossom up to the sun," the Guyana-born Khan explained. "[Members] come in with so many negative things in their lives, but they work through it with other things the Alliance offers, and they blossom. They're my lotus flowers."

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Azeem Khan, poetry leader for the Alliance

The Alliance for Positive Change's poetry workshop helped Azeem Khan, center and seen above at last year's poetry reading, "feel the light" in a way 10 years of therapy couldn't, he said. ALLIANCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

Khan, too, has become a lotus flower since he began writing poetry.

"It's allowed me to have a conversation with my past instead of an argument," he said. "When you suffer trauma, it plays in your head, and it's like you start to argue in your own mind. With poetry, I got to put it on paper, see these words and understand these words and connect with other people in the group, and I think that's very important."

Khan has "truly flourished" as poetry leader, said Sharen Duke, Alliance executive director and CEO.

"The poetry created in Alliance's Creative Writing Workshop gives voice to the struggles, resilience and hope that many of our program participants face every day," she said. "[Azeem] shares his passion, sensitivity and tenacity with the group, creating a community where poetry becomes a path to healing and positive change."

But to Khan, he's simply giving back.

"It is my chance to give back to the group what *I* got from the group," he said. "I actually wrote a poem called 'Lighthouse' in my first Situations five years ago, how I'm now going to be a lighthouse to guide the ships into safety, where I am."

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Metro talks with director Carlton Pearson about the new Netflix feature.

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In 2004, Carlton Pearson, the former pastor of one of the largest churches in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was declared a heretic by his peers.

Pearson was labeled as such because of his belief in universal reconciliation, which decrees that ultimately all human souls will be admitted to heaven. This immediately put at risk his church, family and future.

Director Joshua Marston quickly recognized both the potential and the importance in Pearson's story, especially because we live in a time in which almost everyone stubbornly refuses to budge on their opinions and beliefs.

I recently had the chance to talk to Marston about "Come Sunday," the bravery of Pearson and his process for making his story as truthful and evocative as possible.

What attracted you to "Come Sunday"?

It was the interesting and complicated, intellectual questions that it posed about what does it mean for what we believe and how we live our lives if God is not judgmental and there is no such thing as eternal damnation. I was also extremely compelled by Carlton Pearson. Both because he is extremely charismatic as a preacher and because he did something very courageous, which is to examine and question what he believed and why, and then revised those beliefs. Which is especially courageous because it was under the eye of thousands and thousands of people that believed in him. At a time when our country is so divided and opinions are so deeply entrenched I think it is important to tell a story about someone who revised what he believed and thought critically about it.

What else did you find compelling about Pearson?

It is so rare that someone has such an arc, it is something that you only really see in cinema. But Carlton really did have this huge change. One of the first things he said to me about it was, "It was like losing a thousand friends overnight." Because he stopped being a Pentecostal minister that believed in fire and brimstone and was against gay marriage, and is now someone who has presided over several gay marriages. He is on the opposite end of the spectrum, both politically and theologically. It is especially rare because he went under that change so publicly, and had so much to lose and was up against so many people. I have so much respect because he went from a position of judgement to a position of inclusion. And that is such an important story to tell.

How involved was Carlton in the process?

The screenwriter had already spent hundreds of hours speaking to Carlton. I also spent that amount of time with him. Visiting him with Chiwetel for several days, watching him preach, speaking to his family, those who no longer followed him, who still follow him, those who were the influence for Jason Segel's character. It was a lot of research. Carlton was a resource throughout the filming. We would check in to make sure that we got things right, but never checking in to get his approval.

"I have so much respect because he went from a position of judgement to a position of inclusion. And that is such an important story to tell."

Director Joshua Marston

Wear your Sunday best for this binge.

How faithful is "Come Sunday" to what Pearson went through?

I believe that the film is fundamentally truthful. So does Carlton. The main places where we took artistic license were just in condensing the story. Both in the time frame, because it took place over many, many years, and in the characters. Because there's certain people who we wouldn't be in a place to represent them. So we have a lot of changed names. Or created amalgams of real people. So in that sense it is a piece of film rather than journalism.

How did he react to the news of the film?

I think he was very excited to have his story told. You are talking about someone who is a public figure who, when things went down, had so much written about him, had a radio show and television shows done about him. He was in a position to want to have his story, and what he calls his Gospel's Inclusion, reach as many people as possible. It's not because he is an egomaniac, it is because he believes in a religion that is much more tolerant, inclusive, and accepting of all walks of life.

Has Carlton seen the film?

Oh, yes. He sat down with me at the premiere at the Sundance Film Festival, watched it twice there. And at another film festival, too. I think he is quite happy and quite pleased. He finds the film very moving. When we do Q&A's he is very praising of the movie for capturing him. He finds it funny that a British screenwriter and a Jewish white guy born in L.A. and living in New York somehow tapped into who he is and what the Pentecostal world was about. He is blown away at how true and how real it was.

"Come Sunday" will be released on Netflix on April 13.

'I was a lost soul': Snoop Dogg

The musician lives life in his own way — sometimes excessively — but music brings him balance.

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Snoop Dogg is a restless man! We've heard him do rap, hip-hop, funk and reggae; and now we've got his newest gospel album, "Bible of Love," to enjoy. But what's Snoop's real story?

The musician-slash-producer has been wanting to make his first gospel album, which is now a reality; a record full of collaborations of the likes of Faith Evans, Tye Tribbett, Rance Allen and the Clark Sisters.

Was making a gospel album pleasure or a necessity?
This album is very special. I put together an alignment of the best names in gospel and it resulted in a project that's unique. I want to spread love through the "Bible of Love." It's something different and I could give myself the pleasure of recording 32 songs. It's an unusual offer but not bad or done without a common goal.

If you could squeeze the album, what would emanate from it?
Mmm, good question. I think that if I squeezed it right now, emotions and memories would come out — my mother is an evangelist and my grandmother, who already died, was the driving force behind the project. Also, some tears, because it came at a time full of peace. The first person who heard the album was my mother and I still remember her words: God told me you were going to do this.

"Problems are always there, I'm human like everyone else ... well, maybe a little more handsome."
SNOOP DOGG

From the bad of the past, what has helped you to find that peace?
Now I have a spiritual side, I forgot to be selfish and I care about others.

I've had experiences through foundations and community work that have made me focus on what's important. I don't care about fame in the sense of money, but to use my image to support some social causes.

What word defines Snoop Dogg?
I have a softer side. I'm pure heart. Many criticize this drastic change, from the excesses to being more spiritual. That is why "Bible of Love" is a positive message of life. My task is to become a better man and father to share that peace.

What lessons have you learned from music?
Problems are always there — I'm human, like everyone else ... well maybe a little more handsome. I'm not a superhero, but I'm a man who fell and rose, both on and off-stage. I think the greatest lesson is to know how to cry, and I tell the children that I spend time with that a real man has to cry, because it makes you a better person.

Are you a lost soul?
Before? I was. But now I'm trying to find my way home. The church is supposed to be the most welcoming place in the world, so I'm anxious that people listen to the material to know what it causes in them.

You've made music for 25 years. Do critics or trolls get to you?
I really don't care about criticism because I'm doing this for fun. This is not a project to make money — it's a spiritual project. Those who are always angry, that indicates that their spirit is not right. The Bible says that Jesus was in the streets mixing with what's real.

Download "Bible of Love" wherever you listen to music.

What's Next

Snopp Dogg, the actor, musician and producer, has been participating in several films that will premiere this year:

- *Unbelievable !!!!*
- *The Beach Bum, a comedy with Matthew McConaughey*
- *Future World, a sci-fi film with James Franco*

Eat free hot dogs in Brooklyn Bridge Park all summer

Eating hot dogs in the name of public art? That's the idea behind the Hot Dog Bus by Austrian artist Erwin Wurm, serving free wieners all summer at Brooklyn Bridge Park.

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Last summer, the Public Art Fund made us confront our own mortality with Anish Kapoor's perpetual whirlpool Descension in Brooklyn Bridge Park. For Summer 2018, the nonprofit art group is going for a lighter touch.

Already Dumbo's most popular outdoor destination, Brooklyn Bridge Park is adding free hot dogs to its attractions. On weekends beginning June 9, keep an eye out for the Hot Dog Bus, a vintage Volkswagen Microbus that's been modified to "create a surreal experience of an overstuffed food truck."

Created by Austrian artist Erwin Wurm, the bus will be giving out an unspecified number of hot dogs each day at various locations. Perhaps an enterprising artist can take the project a step further and compose a Mister Softee-style jingle to announce its presence? The park's 1.3 miles of waterfront is a long way to search.

Wurm's work is known for playing with the size and shape of his subjects, with the bloated bus also serving as an always-timely dig at consumption under capitalism. Each visitor who eats a hot dog also "adds" to the sculpture by participating.

The Public Art Fund also announced two more projects coming up this summer. Artist Tauba Auerbach will cover a 1930s-era New York Fire Department boat in World War I-style dazzle camouflage for Flow Separation (July 1). The boat will offer free cruises around New York Harbor throughout the summer and early fall.

In August, five Kitchen Trees made of culinary utensils, pots and pans will spring up in City Hall Park courtesy of artist B. Wurtz, who's spent 50 years creating unusual works from everyday objects.

Erwin Wurm's Hot Dog Bus will move around Brooklyn Bridge Park this summer — find it for a free hot dog!
STUDIO ERWIN WURM

"With playfulness and invention, each of these artists adapts everyday aspects of contemporary life, creating new platforms for art and experience," says Nicholas Baume, director and chief curator of the Public Art Fund. "They engage our senses, inviting us to look, touch, taste and move beyond our expectations in corners of the city that may be familiar or surprising — on a boat, in a park, moving across boroughs and landmarks — reminding us that the city is a place of innovation and curiosity."

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Happy sweet 16, Botox!

The injection that keeps us looking younger (and reduces migraines) celebrates a birthday today.

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The ubiquitous beauty bumper has grown to do a lot more, for many more people, in the past 16 years. ISTOCK

It used to be the elixir of youth to the rich and famous (think "Real Housewives" and refusing-to-age impresarios), but Botox, which has been with us for 16 sweet years today, is now an accessible (and socially acceptable) option for beauty and medical treatments.

And because it works its magic in myriad ways, it's confusing as hell to understand (do a WebMD or Google search and prepare for ultimate confusion).

So, to honor the Bravo celebrities and migraine-suffering infomercial actors out there, Metro had a chat with Dr. Stafford Broumand of 740 Park Plastic Surgery in New York (PlasticSurgeonsNYC.com) to get the skinny on botulinum toxin — and how scary does that sound?

From a purely cosmetic perspective, what does Botox actually do?
It's the best thing since sliced bread. Botox has eliminated the need for some surgeries. These include forehead lifts and some eyelid surgeries. I can get rid of wrinkles and reshape the brows, eyes, mouth and neck with the use of Botox.

And so, 16 years on, this is no longer just a treatment for soap stars?
There's a term these days called "Brotox" as more men are trying the injectable. They're becoming more comfortable with Botox and fillers. They want to stay relevant in the workplace and they want to keep looking their best. Botox makes it easy for them.

Let's talk about this beauty cure-all from a medical perspective.
Botox affects some muscle movement, involuntary muscles in some blood vessels that lead to migraines and innervation to our sweat glands. Therefore, when injected properly, Botox can eliminate sweating — especially in the armpits, hands and feet; lessen migraines; and weaken the tension in the TMJ and masseter muscles of the jaw.

So now that Botox is mainstream, what to we need to know in order to avoid those super-terrible results one can do a quick TMZ search to discover? Botox can go horribly wrong, am I right?
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Better on a boat

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With warm weather scheduled to return this weekend, our thoughts are already going to getting back out on the water. Here's the forecast for setting sail on the city's best boat bars and restaurants. **EVA KIS**

NORTH RIVER LOBSTER COMPANY

The Hudson River's floating lobster shack is where seafood lovers should post up for the warm weather season. Aboard North River Lobster Company, you'll find a full raw bar, tons of overstuffed lobster rolls and cocktails in mason jars, with the occasional hourlong jaunt to the harbor for a quick buzz of the Statue of Liberty and back. There's a $10 cover to get onboard, or superfans can buy a season pass for $50. **Opens April 12, Pier 81 at W. 41st St. and 12th Ave., northriverlobsterco.com**

GRAND BANKS

For when you're feeling fancy AF but don't have the budget for a Hamptons trip, head to Grand Banks. There's always a line for the historic wooden schooner from the '40s, but its luxe circular bar will ease your wait with excellent cocktails — not to mention gorgeous photo ops. The selection of oysters is always changing, accompanied by small plates both light (ceviche with sea bream and avocado) and indulgent (caviar latkes). A portion of all proceeds benefits the Maritime Foundation. Limited reservations are available, but your best bet is to get there early. **Opens mid-April for drinks, food beginning May 2, docked at Pier 25 at West Street, grandbanks.org**

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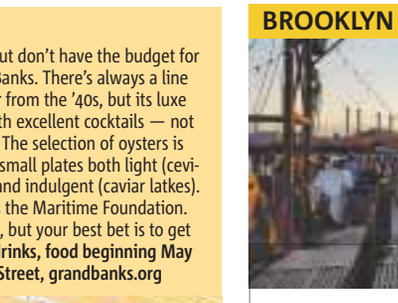
BROOKLYN BARGE



This docked barge on the East River is so popular, it's sprawled over the shoreline next to it. Wherever you sit, The Brooklyn Barge offers panoramic views of Midtown Manhattan's skyscrapers — just as long as you don't mind a little rocking when the NYC Ferry (which now docks nearby) passes. For the seaworthy, there are craft beers on tap and a large menu of solid bar food like a Pretzel Dog with beer-marinated bratwurst and customizable tacos. Grab a drink after catching an outdoor flick on the lawn at Transmitter Park next door, or take a stand-up paddleboarding class that starts by stepping off the boat and onto the water. **May 1, thebrooklynbarge.com**

FRYING PAN

Named for the North Carolina bay it guarded for 30 years as a lightship, the Frying Pan is not taking its retirement as a bar boat any less seriously. Whether you manage to score a spot on the big red boat or the airy, glass-walled atrium on the dock, prepare for a party atmosphere beloved for its sangrias by the pitcher and seaside fare like garlic fries tossed with Old Bay. **Opens May 1, Pier 66 at W. 26th St., fryingpan.com**

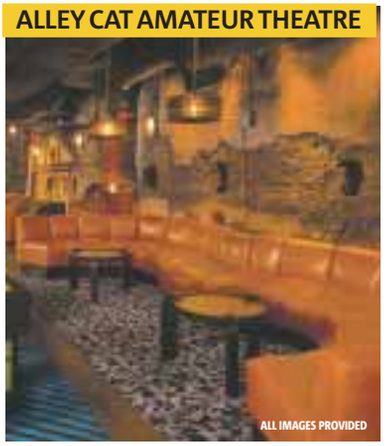
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM WALL

Become an honorary member of the Manhattan Yacht Club for a day aboard its floating barge anchored in New York Harbor near Ellis Island. The Honorable William Wall (but you can call him Willy) serves as the group's official clubhouse with an enclosed parlor of authentic nautical kitsch downstairs and an open-air bar serving wine, beer and cocktails above with spectacular Lower Manhattan views. This is not a spur-of-the-moment destination — you must buy a timed ticket ($20) to make sure there's enough space on the two boats it takes to get there and back. **Opens May 8, willywall.com**

PILOT

Nearly a mirror image of sister ship Grand Banks, Pilot serves a more New Orleans-inspired menu aboard a 1920s racing schooner. Though she's been around the world twice, Pilot is now docked in Brooklyn Bridge Park where you'll find soft shell crab po'boys and scallop ceviche drizzled with coconut oil beneath its yellow- and white-striped awnings. Sip a Fracas (blanco tequila, mezcal, pineapple, lime, Angostura bitters, nutmeg) at its U-shaped bar while watching the sun set behind Manhattan's skyline. **Opens mid-May, Pier 6, pilotbrooklyn.com**

4 New bars and restaurants to visit this spring



Alley Cat Amateur Theatre

The cellar of The Beekman Hotel is home to the latest jewel in Lower Manhattan's growing nightlife options.

Alley Cat Amateur Theatre is all sultry lounge meant to feel like a plush backstage area — the name is a nod to the area's history. Veteran club connoisseur Serge Becker curates the live entertainment of DJs and bands. With room for 110, the spacious bar's wraparound couches beckon for groups to settle in for the night over Japanese-influenced food by Tom Colicchio, Tokyo-style cocktails and a list of Japanese whiskeys.
10 Theatre Alley, thebeekman.com

Clyde's

Williamsburg's tiny but mighty Caribbean scene just gained a Trinidadian cocktail speakeasy. Pass through a postage stamp-size coffee bar and walk to the back door (there's a neon sign outside to guide you) to enter Clyde's.

Skipping the kitsch in favor of dark wood paneling and low tables with a live DJ nightly (Jillionaire of Major Lazer is part owner). the bar is a rum-focused paradise with vintage cocktails by Cyllan Hicks featuring ingredients native to Trinidad, which also applies to the menu of finger foods.
178 N. Eighth St., Brooklyn, clydesquality.com

The Woodstock

New Meatpacking District restaurant The Woodstock ditches the heels and cocktail dresses you need to go anywhere else in the neighborhood.

This upscale rumpus room looks straight out of the '60s, where guests sit on brown leather couches and mustard yellow chairs, shooting a round on the pool table trimmed with fuschia felt or checking out the authentic Salvador Dali paintings.

The easygoing menu of cocktails — all priced at $10 — served in funky "glassware" like lightbulbs and fishbowls, and to eat, a range of Neapolitan pizzas at $15 created by world champion pizzaiolo Nino Coniglio.
446 W. 14th St., thewoodstocknyc.com

Coffee & Cream

Need to start your day with something a little more fun than regular coffee? Oddfellows has found an interesting way to join the all-day cafe trend with Coffee & Cream, a Nolita ice-cream-parlor-meets-coffee-bar.

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55 E. Houston St., oddfellowsnyc.com

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Whether it's being closer to the country life all city dwellers fantasize about or just a fun way to change up a workout, the hottest trend in yoga has been to add baby goats.

For once behind on a cultural moment, Brooklyn hasn't had a single yoga studio that also carried oats for four-legged yogis — goats here tend to get seasonal gigs like tending Prospect Park — until NY Goat Yoga. Upstate New York's Gilbertsville Farmhouse is coming to Bushwick with a pop-up studio at 74 Ingraham St. to share the "benefits and healing powers of human-animal connection," according to the organization.

"Goats are animated, curious, intuitive and gentle animals," they continue, assuring participants that the goats are having as much fun as the humans.

Classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning April 17 through June 12. Each 45-minute session is limited to 40 people and four goats, and costs $40. Tickets are going fast, so grab yours now at eventbrite.com.

Get ready to pose and be posed on.
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So what can you expect? Besides incidental hair-munching, baby goats like to climb and hop, so there's a decent chance of your leg being a springboard during warrior pose. And the kids will be wearing diapers to avoid accidents. In return, you get lower blood pressure and, for beginners, a whole lot less tension about doing everything right. We're all just here to have fun!

Goat are not your only offbeat option for varying your yoga routine in New York. Lower East Side cat cafe Meow Parlour hosts yoga with its resident kitties, and sometimes even with kittens, while yoga classes at Strong Rope Brewery have been drawing sudsy crowds. The winos will have their own sessions at the Brooklyn Navy Yard's Rooftop Reds vineyard starting in May.

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FOOD

MOFAD Reopening Weekend

Brooklyn's Museum of Food and Drink closed for a couple months and is back to serving up culture this weekend. Its current exhibit, Chow: Making the Chinese American Restaurant, has been expanded with a new interactive system for browsing their trove of historic menus, added tons of new kitchen implements to its demonstration kitchen and added a new Highlights of the Collection station with historic items like the refrigerator that changed home cooking forever. **Opens April 13, 62 Bayard St., Brooklyn, $14-$25, mofad.org**

ARTS

Amaze

Fans of M.C. Escher and those popular '90s prints where you squint to see pictures emerge from patterns will have a blast at Amaze, the trippy exhibit that arrived this week at the Gallery at Cadillac House. Architect Rafael de Cardenas pairs with visual artist Sahra Motalebi on the installation, which offers four maze-inspired spaces that dazzle the senses and trick your perception — all designed to make you question your relationship with the spaces you inhabit. **Through June 10, The Gallery at Cadillac House, 330 Hudson St., free, visionaireworld.com**

DRINKS

Beer Mansion

So. Much. Beer. Kicking off a national tour in the only place it makes sense for a party thrown by Brooklyn Brewery, the Beer Mansion makes its debut at the Weylin in Williamsburg, filling the historic waterfront venue with four parties divided by theme — The Show, The Bazaar, The Arcade and The Speakeasy — all united in free-flowing taps of unlimited local beer plus live music, games, tech experiences and more, with three sessions over the course of two days. **April 13-14, The Weylin, 175 Broadway, Brooklyn, $55-$65, brooklynbrewerypresents.com**

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April 14, 6-8 p.m., 278 Spring St., $10-$13, cityreliquary.org

Oscar Wao" author Junot Diaz appears at the United Palace of Cultural Arts this Friday for a reading of his new children's book, "Islandborn," about a young girl named Lola who can't remember the island where she's from but recaptures its essence through her family's stories. Diaz, who was born in the Dominican Republic, will hold and reading and a Q-and-A session, then a signing.
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COMEDY

Louie Anderson

One of the most recognized names, faces and voices in the business, and named as a Top 100 Comedian of All Time by Comedy Central, Louie Anderson is best known for some of his iconic TV work, from "Life With Louie" to "Family Feud." In 2018 he published a new book, "Hey Mom: Stories for My Mother, But You Can Read Them Too," but now he's returning to his roots in stand-up with select live appearances, including this weekend's show at The Cutting Room.
April 13, 7:30 p.m., The Cutting Room, 44 E. 32nd St., $40-$55, cuttingroomnyc.com

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"Looks can be deceiving" is not only true, but sometimes funny, and basically how comedian Christi Chiello intends to pay her bills. One of those faces and voices that seems familiar from "you know, that Funny or Die episode," the sweet-looking but foul-mouthed blonde brings her "one-night stand" to Ars Nova with a show that will ensure that you never see the "Battle of the Divas" host in the same light again (but it's OK, she likes blackouts better anyway).
April 14, 8 p.m., Ars Nova, 511 W. 54th St., $15, arsnovanyc.com

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ART

Slow Art Day

You've got to appreciate art to find yourself spending valuable "me time" in museums — yet the truth is that the average patron spends just a handful of seconds gazing at and thinking about each artwork. If you realize that can't possibly be enough time to absorb the world's masterpieces, you should try taking part in Slow Art Day at the Rubin Museum, with slots at 1 or 3 p.m. During your visit, you'll practice mindfulness while examining art, sitting for awhile with each piece for a whole new perspective.
April 14, 1 & 3 p.m., Rubin Museum, 150 W. 17th St., free (with admission), rubinmuseum.org

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Earth Day

Dozens of exhibitors will gather in Union Square this Saturday to discuss what can be done to combat environmental challenges, from green cleaning to clean energy, as part of the Do Just 1 Thing campaign. There will also be talks, performances, recycling for clothes and electronics and interactive booths.
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Sick of this 'spring'? Take a Palm Beach break

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Our own weather may finally be improving, but will never top what's being enjoyed on the Palm Beaches. Yes, "beaches" — you may have heard of Palm Beach, West Palm Beach and even Palm Beach Gardens, but there's a whole lot more to the 47 miles of pristine surf and vacation brilliance a short flight from here.

Here's an update on what's going to draw you to Florida for a spring break that's absolutely extraordinary. Fly into Palm Beach International Airport and choose your own adventure. It isn't all just Vitamin D and sand — the Sunshine State has a lot more to offer.

Arts and culture

Genii Loci, West Palm Beach
Head to CityPlace to check out a public art installation known as "Road Tattoo." Street parties are one thing, but this event promises an art installation that's billed as the longest continuous road tattoo in the world. You say road tattoo, I say street art, but we can all agree that the food and fun lining Rosemary Avenue from Okeechobee Boulevard to 11th Street will offer something for everyone.

Beer me!

Royal Palm Brewing Company, Royal Palm Beach
The Palm Beaches is home to a super-inviting brewpub, where both hop hounds and ankle biters will be entertained. Grab a popsicle for the little ones and they'll no doubt allow you more time to check out the brewing vats, each named after a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. Tours are available, and a pint of the citrus IPA is a must for a crisp, delicious drop happy hour. Which is pretty much every hour in this part of Florida.

Fancy food

1000 North, Jupiter
Just because you've left your East Coast enclave for some fun in the sun doesn't mean you have to sacrifice your urbanite bites. 1000 North offers the vacay views that will make for Instagram likes and the fine dining that has attracted the likes of Michael Jordan, Serena Williams and Ernie Els, who are all investors in the resto. Make a rezzie here if you're traveling for a special occasion, or saddle up to the bar for a handcrafted cocktail solo. Who knows who you'll knock elbows with!

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For a whole lot more information, visit ThePalmBeaches.com, where you can find event calendars, resto and hotel recommendations, and desk dreamers (the photos you'll look at when the next unexpected snow slam occurs which will make you finally book that ticket).

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Mets in rarified air after red-

The Amazins are living up to their nickname this year as they are off to their best start in franchise history.

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New York Mets slugger Yoenis Cespedes had been mired in quite a slump, going 2-for-21 with 11 strikeouts.

The flulike symptoms that were plaguing him over the past few days might have something to do with it, but when it matters most, the left fielder is still finding ways to come through.

His lone two hits have proven to be game-winners, the latest coming on Tuesday night against the Miami Marlins, a two-RBI double in the top of the ninth lifting the Mets to an 8-6 victory. At the time, it was the team's seventh-straight win while improving their record to 9-1. Entering Wednesday night, New York is tied with the Boston Red Sox for the league's best record as Zack Wheeler makes his season debut against the Marlins.

It was the latest highlight of a first two weeks that have seen the Mets sweep the Washington Nationals, the team most considered to win the National League East this season. That series saw Cespedes record the only other hit of his slump, a bloop single in 12th inning of Sunday night's game to give the Mets a 6-5 lead they would not relinquish.

No other Mets team has started a season winning nine of its first 10 games. The 1985 and 2006 Mets started their campaigns 8-1 before dropping their ninth decision. Those seasons obviously ended short of the ultimate goal of a World Series title.

But where does the Mets' greatest start rank among the best starts in MLB history? Let's check it out:

1982 ATLANTA BRAVES
RECORD: 13-0
WAR LEADER: DALE MURPHY
.281, 36 HR, 109 RBI

There was a familiar face for New Yorkers managing the Atlanta Braves in 1982 as Joe Torre helped his club become the first to ever win 13-straight games to start a season. Ten of those games came against the Houston Astros and Cincinnati Reds, two teams that combined to be almost 50 games under .500 that year. Cincinnati had the National League's worst record at 61-101.

Atlanta was led by center fielder Dale Murphy, who went on to win his first of two-straight National League MVP awards as he batted .281 with 36 home runs and 109 RBI.

The Braves would go on to win the NL West with an 89-73 record before losing in the NLCS to the eventual world champion St. Louis Cardinals.

1987 MILWAUKEE BREWERS
RECORD: 13-0
WAR LEADER: TEDDY HIGUERA
18-10, 3.85 ERA, 240 K's

The postseason looked all but secure for a Brewers team that flew out of the gates to start the 1987 season. With two Hall of Famers in Robin Yount and Paul Molitor featured in their lineup, Milwaukee made its intentions clear early on as they swept the defending American League champion Boston Red Sox to start the year.

After their streak ended against the Chicago White Sox, the Brewers didn't stop with their scolding hot play as they accrued a 20-3 record through their first 23 games.

Don't ever say games in April and May don't count, though. Following that start, the Brewers lost 12-straight games and 18 of 20 on their way to a respectable 91-71 record. But they did not make the playoffs.

DESPITE BAD START, YANKS FANS

OPINION

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Yankees fans are not too happy with the way their team has started the 2018 season. GETTY IMAGES

New York Yankees fans are spoiled.

I don't mean that in a bad way. When your team has won 27 world championships and are often the epitome of excellence in North American sports, high expectations are understandably present entering each and every season.

Hence the sky-high hopes that came with the team this year after acquiring reigning National League MVP Giancarlo Stanton to join reigning AL Rookie of the Year Aaron Judge and Gary Sanchez, one of the best catchers in baseball.

They were supposed to an offensive firestorm to support decent starting pitching, but an even better bullpen which thrived last season.

Two weeks into the season and things have not clicked yet. In fact, it's been something close to a disaster.

Stanton is striking out at an alarming rate, racking up 22 in his first 46 at-bats entering Wednesday night while Sanchez has struggled mightily with just two hits in his first 36 at-bats.

New York's offense has been carried by Judge and Didi Gregorius, who is flirting with .400 during these early portions of the season.

On the hill, the bullpen has been a wreck, allowing 26 earned runs in 43 innings of work. Two of the pen's biggest contributors, Tommy Kahnle and David Robertson, have allowed nine earned runs in 13 innings alone.

It has the Yankees toeing the .500 line early on as fans angrily look for answers. Their aggravation is understandable. Games in April that aren't necessarily taken for granted could come back to haunt a team down the stretch, especially when the Yankees are set to battle the Boston Red Sox in a hotly contested AL East division.

That being said, it isn't time to panic just yet. Early slumps are nothing new for contending teams, especially with such a history as the Yankees. All the team needs to do is hit a bit of a hot streak and floodgates could open for one of the most feared sides in baseball.

Don't believe me? Take a look at some past winning Yankees teams before calling for Aaron Boone's job:

hot start in 2018

1981 OAKLAND ATHLETICS
RECORD: 11-0
WAR LEADER: RICKEY HENDERSON
.319, .408 OBP, 56 STOLEN BASES

A season after finishing 14 games behind the Kansas City Royals in the AL West, the Athletics shot out of the gates, outscoring their opponents 63-14 during their 11-game winning streak.

While the year was shortened to 109 games due to a player's strike that eliminated the month of July, Rickey Henderson proved that his stellar sophomore season the year before was no fluke. The 22-year-old led the American League with 135 hits, 89 runs and 56 stolen bases as he finished second in MVP voting that year to Milwaukee's Rollie Fingers.

Oakland would finish the year 64-45, sweeping the Royals in the ALDS before falling to the Yankees in the championship series.

1955 BROOKLYN DODGERS
RECORD: 10-0
WAR LEADER: DUKE SNIDER
.309, 42 HR, 136 RBI

The Dodgers had been a dominant force in the NL starting in the late 1940s. However, they were unable to win a World Series despite winning the pennant four times between 1947-1953.

Tabbed as one of the league favorites again in 1955, the Dodgers didn't disappoint, jumping out to a 10-0 start including a pair of wins over the defending world champion New York Giants.

Brooklyn's squad was one of the most memorable in MLB history, featuring four Hall of Famers in Jackie Robinson, Duke Snider, Roy Campanella and Pee Wee Reese. Campanella and Snider would finish 1-2 in the MVP voting while the Dodgers finally got past the Yankees for their only World Series title in Brooklyn. Two years later, they moved to Los Angeles, making way for the Mets in 1962.

SHOULD NOT PANIC

2009 YANKEES
FIRST 32 GAMES: 15-17
NEXT 32 GAMES: 21-10
ENDED: 103-59 (WON AL EAST)
RESULT: WON WORLD SERIES (DEFEATED PHILADELPHIA IN 6 GAMES)

1996 YANKEES
FIRST 13 GAMES: 6-7
NEXT 13 GAMES: 10-3
ENDED: 92-70 (WON AL EAST)
RESULT: WON WORLD SERIES (DEFEATED ATLANTA IN 6 GAMES)

1978 YANKEES
FIRST 14 GAMES: 6-8
NEXT 14 GAMES: 11-3
ENDED: 100-63 (WON AL EAST)
RESULT: WON WORLD SERIES (DEFEATED LA DODGERS IN 6 GAMES)

1977 YANKEES
FIRST 10 GAMES: 2-8
NEXT 10 GAMES: 9-1
ENDED: 100-62 (WON AL EAST)
RESULT: WON WORLD SERIES (DEFEATED LA DODGERS IN 6 GAMES)

1962 YANKEES
FIRST 10 GAMES: 5-5
NEXT 10 GAMES: 8-2
ENDED: 96-66 (WON AL EAST)
RESULT: WON WORLD SERIES (DEFEATED SAN FRANCISCO IN 7 GAMES)

1952 YANKEES
FIRST 19 GAMES: 8-11
NEXT 19 GAMES: 13-6
ENDED: 95-59 (WON AMERICAN LEAGUE)
RESULT: WON WORLD SERIES (DEFEATED BROOKLYN IN 7 GAMES)

1938 YANKEES
FIRST 11 GAMES: 5-6
NEXT 11 GAMES: 9-2
ENDED: 99-53 (WON AMERICAN LEAGUE)
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Hornacek likely to be Knicks' scapegoat

All signs are pointing to the dismissal of the head coach, who didn't have much to work with over the last two years.

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New York Knicks head coach Jeff Hornacek wasn't given much of a chance to succeed with one of the NBA's most recognizable franchises. Regardless, he could very well be out of a job in the coming hours.

All signs are pointing to the 54-year-old's dismissal now that their season wrapped up Wednesday night in Cleveland even though he was dealing with a plethora of problems that were out of his control during most of his tenure.

Taking over for the 2016-17 season, Hornacek was devoid of many talents to make a serious push for the postseason. He was reliant on the aging Carmelo Anthony, who has been a stranger to winning for most of his 15 NBA seasons, and a budding superstar in Kristaps Porzingis.

While those two alone could have made some noise in the weaker Eastern Conference, former team president Phil Jackson's ideologies eliminated any chance of that. Hornacek was forced to run the dreaded triangle offense for most of the year, his team never looking comfortable as they sputtered to a 31-51 record.

Then came a tumultuous offseason in which Carmelo Anthony's future with the team led to the dismissal of Jackson. It wasn't before he almost traded away Porzingis, but settled on spending the team's No. 8 pick in the 2017 draft on French point guard Frank Ntilikina, a sizeable work in progress that was inherited by new president Steve Mills and general manager Scott Perry.

The new regime's first move was a questionable one, signing Tim Hardaway Jr. to a four-year, $71 million deal after spending the prior two seasons with the Atlanta Hawks, the team the Knicks traded him to following the 2014-15 campaign.

All signs are pointing to Jeff Hornacek's firing now that the Knicks' season is over. GETTY IMAGES

For a player who never averaged more than 14.5 points per game, it was a big ask for the 26-year-old to come in and make fans forget about Anthony, who was dealt just before the start of the regular season to the Oklahoma City Thunder for Enes Kanter and Doug McDermott.

The moves made Porzingis the face of the franchise and he played like it to start the season, averaging 27.3 points in his first 17 games while the Knicks managed to post a 17-14 record through their first 31 games.

But Porzingis admitted that fatigue was setting in while carrying a team that hit the proverbial wall in late December, losing 16 of its next 23 games. Then the worst-case scenario happened when Porzingis went down with a season-ending ACL injury in early February, ending his and the Knicks season.

Hornacek had no one else to rely on despite Hardaway averaging a career-high 17.5 points. Yet his decision making and basketball IQ has proved worrisome even though he spent a lot of time this season playing at the small forward position, proving to be a difficult transition for the natural shooting guard.

Ntilikina showed that he has to put in a lot more work before becoming a serviceable point guard, especially on the offensive end as his progression seemingly did not sit well with Mills and Perry. At the trade deadline, they dealt McDermott in a three-team transaction to the Dallas Mavericks while getting point guard Emmanuel Mudiay in return from Denver.

The former Nuggets lottery pick joined an already-crowded backcourt that featured Ntilikina, Jarrett Jack and Trey Burke, a rare bright spot down the stretch after being called up from the G-League in January.

It forced Hornacek to shuffle his lineup, moving Ntilikina to the 2, sitting Jack and splitting starts between Mudiay and Burke as the Knicks continued to plummet to the bottom of the Eastern Conference Standings.

At the end of the day, it's just another disappointing Knicks season, a fifth-straight that will finish without a postseason appearance. However, Hornacek is responsible for some surprisingly good things.

His team is shooting 46.3-percent from the field, its highest mark since the 1996-97 season. They also have dished out 1,882 assists, the most since 1994-95.

It's all about the win column, though. With a 59-104 record that is difficult to pin all on him, Hornacek faces the possibility of being the scapegoat as the Knicks prepare for another offseason that requires dramatic changes.

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ACROSS

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6 -- -thin
11 Musical drama
12 Ease
13 Globe features
15 Double-check
16 Chased the puck
18 Big T-shirts
19 Circus crowd noise
21 Watchdog's warning
22 Pocket change
23 "Mama --" (Shirelles tune)
25 Fake it
28 Miss a syllable
30 Plunging neckline
31 File label
32 Safety or mosquito --
33 Be indebted to
35 Small brooks
37 QB objectives
38 River sediment
40 Pitch a tent
41 "The Bells" author
42 Slalom run
43 Radar gun info
46 Human herbivores
48 Oozed out
50 Fixes up
54 NBA hoopster
55 Clean energy
56 Dirge
57 Guzzles

DOWN

1 Alley Oop's kingdom
2 Merchandise ID
3 Bruce or Spike
4 Hit the hay
5 Skein of yarn
6 Conductor's baton
7 Hirt and Gore
8 Unending flow
9 Countess's husband
10 Blended whiskeys
14 Slumps
15 Hair-raising
17 Adventurer's report
19 Slicked up
20 Leaves unmentioned
22 Door ding
24 "The," to Wolfgang
25 Book of maps
26 Reassures
27 Baking meas.
29 Selene's sister
34 Toweled off
36 Rink event (2 wds.)
39 Natural eyewash
43 Mme.'s daughter
44 Clap of thunder
45 Food fish
46 Ultra
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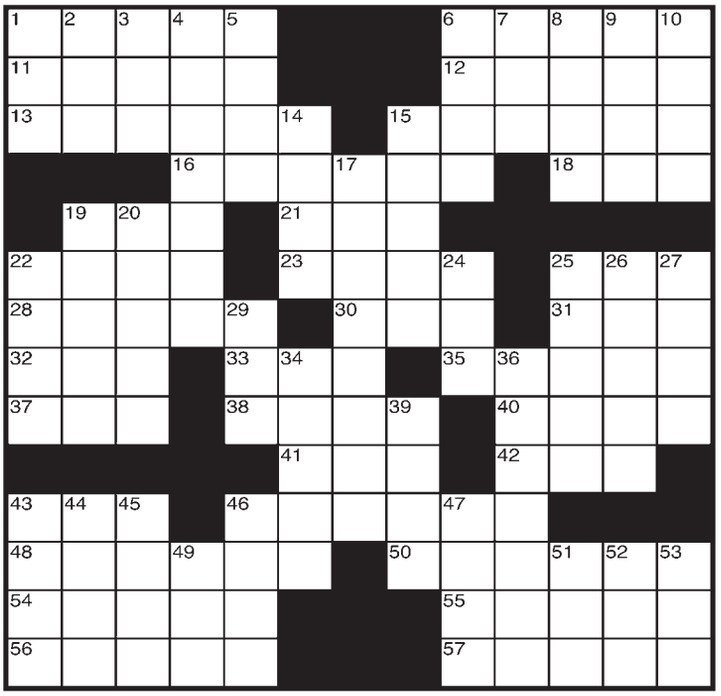
49 Frat party fixture
51 MacGraw of the movies
52 Sack
53 Almost-grads



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Aries Listen to what others say, but don't share your personal opinions. It's best not to make unnecessary changes or upset the applecart without good reason.

Taurus Make minor changes to your image and you'll receive compliments. Help and favors will be granted. Love will lead to a closer connection to someone special.

Gemini Emotional deception can be expected to surface when dealing with people from your past. You are best off letting go of people that have created havoc in your life.

Cancer A change will do you good, but first do some research or simply make observations. Socializing will lead to an interesting encounter, and romance is highlighted.

Leo Look over legal and financial documents and make sure you have everything in order. A mistake could end up costing you. Don't be giving out more than you're getting back.

Virgo An unusual event will open up new possibilities. A chance to team up with someone quite different from you will teach you to be accepting and tolerant of others.

Libra Look for ways to improve your surroundings and domestic environment. Get rid of things you no longer use so you can have more space to enjoy with your friends or loved ones.

Scorpio Expand your interests and make changes to how or where you live that will better suit the goals you want to achieve. Be your own master and follow your dream.

Sagittarius Be careful how much you share with your peers, friends or relatives. You will be judged by what you do and should take measures to avoid being gossiped about.

Capricorn Make adjustments at home that are conducive to something you enjoy. Personal improvements will turn out well, as long as you refuse to let anyone meddle in your affairs.

Aquarius Don't fall for someone's fancy talk or a friendly gesture. Look past all the fluff and hype coming your way and you'll avoid getting involved in something unsavory.

Pisces You'll see things clearly and should base your opinions and decisions on what you discover, not on what someone else tries to lead you to believe. EUGENIA LAST

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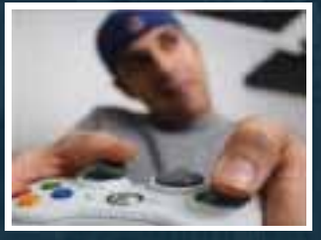

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